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STitle: **HOMOGENEOUSLY BRANCHED
ETHYLENE POLYMER CARPET,
CARPET BACKING AND METHOD
FOR MAKING SAME**SSSSSS

Examiner: Juska, C.

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 30, 2000

In response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2000, the Applicants are responding with a Request for Continued Examination requiring the complete submission of the previous response

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 9-12 are pending in this application.

RESPONSE TO REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103 (A)

Claims 1-6 and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 93/15909 issued to Fink in view of US 5,741,594 issued to Jialanella. The Examiner states:

The pending claims are rejected as being obvious over the cited Fink patent, which teaches the claimed carpet structure, in view of the cited Jialanella patent, which discloses the specific adhesive. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to substitute the Jialanella homogeneously branched polyethylene adhesive for